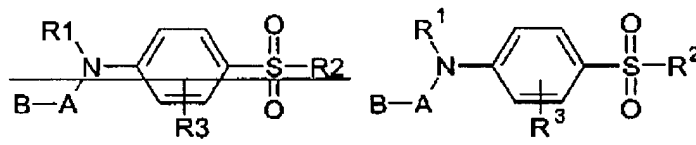


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WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula (I):



wherein

A is  $-(CR_2)_n-$  where n is 1, 2 or 3 and each R is independently hydrogen or alkyl;

B is substituted aryl or heteroaryl which is optionally substituted with one to four substituents selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, acylamino, mono-alkylamino, di-alkylamino, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, heteroalkyl,  $-COR$  (where R is hydrogen, alkyl, unsubstituted phenyl or unsubstituted phenylalkyl, phenylalkyl)  $-(CR'R'')_n-COOR$  (where n is an integer from 0 to 5, R' and R'' are independently hydrogen or alkyl, and R is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, phenyl or phenylalkyl), or  $-(CR'R'')_n-CONR^aR^b$  (where n is an integer from 0 to 5, R' and R'' are independently hydrogen or alkyl, and R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are, independently of each other, hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, phenyl or phenylalkyl), wherein heteroaryl is furyl, imidazolyl, pyridyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, benzothiazolyl or pyridazinyl;

R<sup>1</sup> is alkyl, alkenyl, cyanoalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, heteroalkyl or alkylcarbonylalkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is alkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, or  $NR^{13}R^{14}$  wherein:

R<sup>13</sup> is hydrogen or alkyl;

R<sup>14</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, acyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aralkyl, hydroxylalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, or aminoalkyl;

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, alkoxy;

an ester, a carbamate, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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2. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 1, wherein  $R^3$  is hydrogen.
3. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 2 wherein B is substituted aryl.
4. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 3 wherein B is substituted phenyl.
5. (Original) The compound of Claim 4 wherein  $R^1$  is alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl or heteroalkyl.
6. (Original) The compound of Claim 5 wherein  $R^1$  is heteroalkyl.
7. (Original) The compound of Claim 6 wherein  $R^1$  is alkylsulfonylalkyl.
8. (Original) The compound of Claim 7 wherein  $R^2$  is alkyl.
9. (Original) The compound of Claim 8 wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
10. (Original) The compound of Claim 7 wherein  $R^2$  is  $NR^{13}R^{14}$  wherein  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are hydrogen.
11. (Original) The compound of Claim 10 wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
12. (Original) The compound of Claim 2 wherein B is optionally substituted heteroaryl, wherein heteroaryl is furyl, imidazolyl, pyridyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, benothiazolyl or pyridazinyl.
13. (Original) The compound of Claim 12 wherein  $R^1$  is alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl or heteroalkyl.
14. (Original) The compound of Claim 13 wherein  $R^1$  is heteroalkyl.

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15. (Original) The compound of Claim 14 wherein  $R^1$  alkylsulfonylalkyl.
16. (Original) The compound of Claim 15 wherein  $R^2$  is alkyl.
17. (Original) The compound of Claim 16 wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
18. (Original) The compound of Claim 15 wherein  $R^2$  is  $NR^{13}R^{14}$  wherein  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are hydrogen.
19. (Original) The compound of Claim 18 wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
- 20 – 37 (Canceled).
38. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein:  
     $R^1$  is heteroalkyl, wherein heteroalkyl is alkylsulfonylalkyl; and  
    B is substituted aryl.
39. (Original) The compound of Claim 38, wherein  $R^2$  is alkyl.
40. (Original) The compound of Claim 39, wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
41. (Original) The compound of Claim 38, wherein  $R^2$  is  $NH_2$ .
42. (Original) The compound of Claim 41, wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
43. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
- 44 – 56 (Canceled).